

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 535  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 180600402  
UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO )  
 ) TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 32: All  
Section 33: All

APPLICATION

On April 11, 2018, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) and its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas LP (Operator No. 26580) (together, "COPC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Approve an additional two horizontal wells, for a total of up to four horizontal wells, in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for production and operation of the Niobrara Formation;
- 2) Require that the productive interval of each horizontal well in the unit be no closer than 460 feet from unit boundary (regardless of the lease lines within the unit), and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director; and
- 3) Require that the wells be drilled from no more than two surface locations within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-531, which, among other things, vacated a well location exception established by Order No. 535-101 for Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., established an approximate 1,280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, and provided that the productive interval of the wellbore shall be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 960 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director, for the production of

oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.

- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-769 which among other things, vacated an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-531 for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-702 for Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the unit. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.
- On December 11, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-900 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 32 and 33, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to two horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from of the Niobrara Formation in the unit, with the productive interval any horizontal well to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.
- On December 11, 2017, the Commission entered 535-909 which, among other things, pooled all interests underlying an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 32 and 33, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, and to subject any non-consenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Wells. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S., and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Date: June 11-12, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Lindou Auditorium  
Michener Library  
University of Northern Colorado (UNC)  
501 20th Street  
Greeley, Colorado 80639

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509, no later than May 25, 2018.** Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. One electronic (cogcc.hearings\_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of May 28, 2018, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant, or any person who has filed a protest or intervention.** Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: May 4, 2018.

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